

## **March 3, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting**

**At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, March 3, 2008 at 5:35 P.M.**

**Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding**

**Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello**

**Councillor Barbara A. Barrow, arrives at 5:53 P.M.**

**Councillor Louis P. DiPalma**

**Councillor M. Theresa Santos**

**Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present**

**Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr., Absent**

**POSTED – February 29, 2008**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk**

**Town of Middletown**

**Town Hall – 350 East Main Road**

**Middletown, Rhode Island 02842**

**Dear Mrs. Marshall:**

**Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2., 42-46-4. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:**

**1. Memorandum of Interim Town Administrator, re: Pare Corp. Buck Road Traffic Study.**

**2. Presentation by PARE Corporation – Buck Road Traffic Study and matters related there to**

**Said meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2008, at 5:30 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.**

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**Paul M. Rodrigues, President**

**Middletown Town Council**

**CC:**

**Town Council**

**Public Library**

**Public Works**

**Town Administrator**

**Finance Director**

**Town Solicitor**

**Town Engineer**

**Public Library**

**Town Planner**

**This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals**

**requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.**

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**2. Presentation by PARE Corporation – Buck Road Traffic Study and matters related there to**

**On motion of Councillor Santos, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said presentation.**

**Town Planner Ronald Wolanski addressed the Council reviewing the area layout entered here:**

**Mr. Wolanski reviewed the process followed to connect Buck Road and Forest Avenue. Presently, when Bailey Brook floods, there is no access to the Buck/Woolsey road area. The emergency access road is being connected at this time. There has been a traffic study of the area prepared by PARE Corporation. The question at this time is whether the Town should proceed to make this a fully used road.**

**Present representing PARE Corporation was John P. Shevlin, P.E., Vice President. Mr. Shevlin addressed the Council reviewing the Traffic Impact Analysis for Buck Road Extension as follows:**

**Councillor Sylvia requests accident data for the past 3 years of the**

**following areas:**

- 1. West Main Road and Woolsey Road**
- 2. East Main Road and Forest Avenue**
- 3. Forest Avenue and West Main Road**

**Manny Mello, North Beacon Terrace, noted that he thought the road would just be an emergency exit for the residents at Commodore Perry Village.**

**Bruce Ryerson, 391 Forest Avenue, expressed concern of traffic jams in the area, if the road was to be used as a public road.**

**Samantha Carfora, 25 Buck Road, urged the Council not to build a public road noting safety concerns of children in the area.**

**Karen Carfora, 25 Buck Road, does not support this access as a public road.**

**Frances Coulter, 24 Buck Road, addressed the Council noting concern that if the road is not used solely for emergency use, then it will become a cut through.**

**Gail Greenwood, 308 Forest Avenue, noted concern of too much traffic on Forest Avenue. Ms. Greenwood only supports an emergency access.**

**Alice Curren, 429 Forest Avenue, is in opposition to the road noting safety concerns.**

**On motion of Councillor DiPalma, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to forward the Buck Road study to the Planning Board**



**for recommendation.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 6:50 P.M.**

**Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC**

**Council Clerk**